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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 23, 2002 finally rejecting claims 1-14 and the telephone interview of December 12, 2002, please enter the following amendment